

A PERSONAL NOTE: Many thanks for all the Christmas cards and messages...I received many requests for my Jack Benny listing. Hope it helps. Let me know if you have shows not on the list. Many people sent 39¢ postage. Remember, the second ounce is only 13¢...This issue begins my tenth year involved in old-time radio. HELLO AGAIN started in April of 1970. It goes to a little over 300 people. I appreciate all your support.

CONVENTION-1978: A CHANGE: If you want a tape of Raymond Edward Johnson's Shakespeare reading on cassette, send \$4.00 to JOE WEBB, 5 Valley View Dr, Yonkers, NY 10710. The other side has MURDER AT-MIDNIGHT "Ape Song" starring R E Johnson.

CONVENTION-1979: Bruce Rittenhouse has already registered for the next convention on Oct 20th in Bridgeport, Ct. The tentative cost will be \$16 a person including dinner but final details have yet to be made. It is the 4th convention sponsored by the Friends of Old-time Radio.

SUSPENSE: Of the approximate 940 broadcasts of SUSPENSE there were about 785 different stories (titles). The rest were rebroadcasts or remakes. I am still missing 29 shows. I will list a few in each issue. They must be complete. 1942-The Life of Nellie James...Rope...Witness on the Westbound Limited...1943-Hangman Won't Wait...Will you Walk into my Parlor...Phantom Archer...Lost Special...1945-Heart's Desire...Fury and Sound...The Furnished Floor...1946-This was a Hero...Keenest Edge...1948-The Search...Last Chance...1950-Deadline...1951-The Rescue...1951-Fresh Air, Sunshine and Murder...Trials of Thomas Shaw...Mission of the Bells...Embezzler...Misfortune in Pearls...1952-Treasure Hunt...Shooting of Billy the Kid...1955-The Cave...1956-The Eavesdropper...Variation on a Theme...Guilty Conscience...Massacre at Little Big Horn...1958-Command.

I listed all of them. Can you help?

IN FOND MEMORY: L Stanford Jolley; 78; Dec 7; radio, TV, movie character actor, mostly heavies; Radio-LUX; TV-many GUNSMOKE episodes; hundred of movies and serials...William Grant Still; 83; Dec 3; black American composer, conductor, arranger...Chill Wills, 76, Dec 15; character actor; TV-Frontier Circus 1961-62; The Rounders 1966-67...Don Ellis, 44, Dec 17; musician-composer, jazz trumpeter, big band leader...Bill Bailey, 66, Dec 12; brother of Pearl Bailey; best known for tap dancing...Frank Carpenter, 88, Nov 28; Theater organist; provided background music in vaudeville for acts such as Jack Benny, Burns and Allen...Louis De Rochemont, 79, Dec 23; producer of film documentaries...Alma Murphy Halff, 89, Dec 16; TV actress and poet...Fay Compton, 84, Dec 12; British stage and screen actress...John Warrington, 67, Dec 5; composer, conductor, arranger.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: NATIONAL RADIO TRADER: Fall; Art. on Bret Morrison, Edger Bergan, big band remotes, Easy Aces...THE BIG BAND-WAGON: Dec; Art. on Jack Teagarden, Teddy Wilson, Tony Pastor, Orville Knapp...RETURN WITH US NOW (Col. Club); Dec; Art. on Sherlock Holmes...NARA NEWS: Autumn; many different articles; 78 pages...NOSTALGIA RADIO NEWS: Dec; Art. on unsung heroes of radio...COLLECTORS CORNER: Dec; Art. on radio authors...ILLUSTRATED PRESS: (Buffalo Club); Dec; art. on radio surveys...THE WORLD OF YESTERDAY: Dec;



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Several articles by Charles Stumpf including: Jane Withers, The Mauch Twins, Mabel Paige, Guy Lombardo, Mickey Mouse.

BOOKS: GOLDEN THROATS AND SILVER TONGUES by Ray Poindexter; Box 1174, North Little Rock, Ark 72115. Already reviewed by other pubs. Has much information about all the announcers but is written chronologically so information on each one is spread out through book; Cost is \$10.50.

CLUBS: Charlie Ingersoll, 315 1st Ave SE, Aitkin, Minn 56431 actively involved in Ray Noble Fan Club. Anyone interested in joining write Charlie...

SURVEY: TAPE INFORMATION: 18 people responded to the survey. 7 buy their tape from Gary Kramer (Omega Magnetics), Box 39253, Redford, Mich 48239. He is prompt and reliable according to these readers. His flyers appear in various newsletters including mine. Shamrock is priced from \$1.45. Ampex and CBS tape is priced from \$2.35. He has monthly specials as do many mail order businesses so prices could change... 3 buy their tape from Saxitone in Wash, DC. They used to sell Capitol Tape but Capitol has discontinued manufacturing tape. Saxitone has their own brand from \$1.59... 2 buy Shamrock locally from \$1.03... 1 buys Scotch from Sound Investment, Atlanta, Ga... 1 buys Scotch and TDK from Mck's Tapetown--\$5.10 and \$4.65... 1 buys DAK tape for \$2.74... 2 buy Ampex and Shield from Olson Electronics in Boston; \$1.19 and 88¢... 1 buys Concertape from Radio Shack--\$1.35... 2 buy Ampex through SPERDVAC or RHAC. If you belong to certain Radio Clubs, they can buy in quantity from the factory... 1 buys Ampex from Long Electronics, Box 11347, Birmingham, Ala 35202... 1 had problems with Shamrock and Concertape because it wouldn't thread evenly through his TEAC.

It is important that when you trade each of you agree on the brand of tape you are sending.

The people mentioned above also sell cassettes. Most have monthly specials. Unless you live near an inexpensive dealer, it is best to order in quantity by mail... I don't have the addresses of all the distributors. If you have had success with mail order people other than Omega and Longs, please send the addresses.

One person mentioned that several government agencies sell their used tape to certain surplus stores and distributors. Check your area.

Any further information or comments would be appreciated.

LOGS: Tony Romano, 8654 26th Av, Brooklyn, NY 11214, along with others, are looking for a log or listing of available BURNS AND ALLEN SHOWS. They are being rebroadcast and it is difficult to date them... Dave Swift, 38 Dartmouth St, Halifax, Mass 02338 is looking for a PHIL HARRIS log or listing.

NEWS OF THE PAST: From Ed Carr. ZIV produced 259 Eddie Cantor; 117 Secret Diary; 120 Dorothy and Dick; 78 War Correspondent. Anyone wanting a list of ZIV produced shows write Ed at 216 Shaner St, Boyertown, Pa 19512. Send him a SASE. Ed also has for trade a 1200' reel of early Pick and Pat, Eb and Zeb, and Routines of Senator Frankenstein.

TAPE DECK: Tony Romano (above) wants information about the Soundcraftsmen RP2212-600 equalizer. It sells for \$399.50. What other ones are there? Are cheaper ones just as effective.



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NEW ADDRESSES: Larry Gabriel, 695 Forest Way, Mill Valley, Cal 94941...Randy Eidemiller, 546 Lime Av, Long Beach, Cal 90802. Randy still wants more QUIET PLEASE.

HERE AND THERE: Old Friends: Nat Berman, 175 Eastern Pkwy, Brooklyn, NY 11238 wants JACK BENNY 12/8/46-he buys shoe laces for Don... Dave Swift (page 2) wants "The Little One" by Kate Smith and a Fred Allen show in which Leo Durocher sings about the blind umpires...Jack Burgess, Box 186, Ostrander, Minn 55961 wants cassette recordings of SUSPENSE, ESCAPE, 2000 PLUS, X-1, other science fiction shows... Bob Flatter, 3126 N 12th St, Wausau, Wis 54401 has about 4000 big band remotes, most of them catalogued. He would like to trade for more. Write for details on getting his catalog...Richard Odlin, Box 279, Tacoma, WA 98401 wants TOSCANINI, THE MAN BEHIND THE LEGEND show #25; Fidelis Highlights rebroadcast on 10/15/78 over NPR... Herb Sadowsky, 105-25 65th Av, Forest Hills, NY 11375 has had to stop trading due to CB interference in his recorders...Harlen Hinkley, 1427 W American, Freeport, Ill 61032 looking for a list of Fibber McGee & Molly shows that are available...Ken Piletic, 705 S Oltendorf Rd, Streamwood, Ill 60103 has a copy of HEARTBEAT THEATER 12/17/78 in which Bret Morrison did his final radio appearance. The name of it is Clyde \_\_\_\_\_ and the Oklahoma Eagle. It is available for trade.

NEW FRIENDS: Ray Poindexter, Box 1174, North Little Rock, Ark 72115.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: Connecticut has a new NPR station on 99.5 FM...NYC has Goon Show on WNYC-FM Fri at 9:30 followed by Earplay. Also Jow Franklin's Nostalgia Party Sat. midnight to 5 AM featuring old radio and records...OTR in Northern Ill. area includes Wisconsin Educational Radio Network Sat. 7-8 PM with Art Oster. Also WGN Chicago Sun. 8:30-9 PM with Floyd Brown...The pilot episode of THE WORLD AT OUR FINGERTIPS, a new soap opera for radio, is ready for presentation to networks and potential sponsors. It is produced by Studiohouse Radio in Hollywood (they produce Heartbeat Theater) and features Judith Doty, Susan Davis, MacDonald Carey, Jack Kru-schen. It is produced by George Gilbreath...SEARS RADIO THEATER seems to be changing hosts. As of early Dec. they are Jimmy Stewart-west-erns; Lucille Ball-comedy; Orson Welles-mystery; Vincent Price-horror on Mon-Thurs. Friday's romantic adventures doesn't have a host yet. 200 CBS affiliated stations will start broadcasting this the first week of February...On Dec. 7th fire raced through 27 vaults of National Archives Film Storage in Suitland, MD destroying about 10 million feet of irreplaceable newsreels...Watermark Inc. is producing a series of science fiction radio shows called ALIEN WORLDS. KNX-FM in Los Ang began broadcasting them on Sat. Jan 9th at 9:30. As of Dec. 26th it has been sold to 5 other major markets. Alien Worlds will use professional actors in original yarns about space exploration with music recorded by the London Symphony. Nothing in its music or sound effects will resemble old-time radio drama says director Marley Brant. Hans Conreid has one lead role in a two-parter Feb 18 and 25.

LATE NEWS: The Jan 3rd issue of VARIETY has a very amusing and tongue-in-cheek article by Carroll Carroll about old-time radio and nostalgia in general. He mentions SPERDVAC and talks about his book NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS written several years ago.

That's it for now. Write if you get work and hang by your thumbs Jay Hickerson, Box C, Orange, Ct 06477 (203) 795-6261 \$6.00